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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Time is running out to register for the Placer County Sheriff Department's second-ever Community Awareness Academy.

The seven-week academy was so popular during its first run last fall, that only a limited number of seats remain available. The three-hour sessions begin Tuesday, March 6, and run every Tuesday through April 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sheriff's Department in Auburn.

The Community Awareness Academy is designed to offer citizens an inside look at law enforcement. Not only will attendees learn about the operation of the Placer County Jail, the County Morgue, the Special Enforcement Team, patrol, the 911 dispatch center, K-9 teams, investigations and evidence units, but they will get to see many of these divisions operate firsthand. After the presentations, students will tour many of the various Sheriff's facilities.

In addition, Sheriff Ed Bonner and other department leaders are scheduled to meet students and answer their questions. The goal of the academy is to give citizens a greater understanding of law enforcement's role in the community through education.

Following the April 17 graduation, interested academy graduates may then opt to become Sheriff's Department volunteers by attending a four-night Volunteer Academy in April. Sheriff's volunteers serve in many capacities, including taking crime reports, assisting at fairs and events, or as a STAR (Sheriff's Team of Active Residents.)

For registration information, call Community Services Officer Amanda Flaherty at (916) 652-2415. Interested parties must be 18 years of age or older and must submit to a limited background check.

The Sheriff's Department is located at 11500 A Avenue, Auburn, in the Dewitt Center.

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